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FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH DINITZ JANUARY 19

1. SUMMARY: THE SECRETARY MET WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ FOR ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF AN HOUR AT DINITZ'S REQUEST ON MONDAY JANUARY 19, 1976. THEY REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW AND ALSO MADRID, AND LEBANON. END SUMMARY.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL: DINITZ SAID THERE WERE NO ALARMING DEVELOPMENTS BUT THE GOI WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A RESOLUTION TO RECESS THE DEBATE UNTIL MARCH. HERZOG THOUGHT WALDHEIM WAS THINKING ALONG THESE LINES. THE GOI SAW THIS AS A POTENTIAL ARAB TACTIC TO BRING PRESSURE IN GENEVA. THE SECRETARY SAID WE HAD NO EVIDENCE AT ALL THAT SUCH A MOVE WAS AFOOT. IT WOULD BE HARD FOR THE USG TO INSIST ON AN EARLY VOTE IF WE WERE GOING TO VETO. NEVTHELESS HE ASSURED DINITZ THAT WE WERE INTERESTED IN PURSUING A JOINT STRATEGY WITH ISRAEL. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE LOW-KEY APPROACH WE WERE PURSUING SO FAR SEEMED TO BE WORKING WELL.

3. MOSCOW: THE PRIME MINISTER REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT NOTHING BE DECIDED IN MOSCOW ON STRATEGY WITHOUT
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CONSULTATION WITH ISRAEL. THE SECRETARY REPEATED HIS

ASSURANCE. THE ONLY OUTCOME HE FORESAW WAS A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT TO BEGIN PROCEDURAL CONSULTATIONS FOR GENEVA. THE SOVIETS HAD SUGGESTED MEETINGS BETWEEN VINOGRADOV AND ATHERTON IN GENEVA; THE US HAD ACCEPTED; THE SOVIETS NOW PREFERRED TO HOLD THE DISCUSSIONS IN EITHER WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW. THE SECRETARY ASKED DINITZ FOR A GOI REACTION TO HIS SUGGESTION THAT WE CHOOSE MOSCOW. CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN STOESSEL AND THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD NOT LIKELY PRODUCE RAPID MOVEMENT OR ATTRACT ATTENTION. DINITZ PROMISED A REPLY.

4. EMIGRATION: DINITZ HOPED THE SECRETARY WOULD RAISE THE EMIGRATION ISSUE IN MOSCOW. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD. HE THOUGHT THE MOST PROMISING APPROACH WAS TO INVITE THEM PUBLICITY, IN CONNECTION WITH MOVEMENT IN CONGRESS ON THE TRADE BILL.

5. SPAIN: DINITZ SAID THE NEW SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER HAD SAID SPAIN WAS CONSIDERING RENEWING RELATIONS WITH MANY COUNTRIES INCLUDING ISRAEL. BUT FAHMY HAD MADE STATEMENTS DISCOURAGING THEM. DINITZ HOPED THE SECRETARY WOULD RAISE THIS WITH BOTH FAHMY (IN LIGHT OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT) AND THE SPANIARDS. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD.

6. THE OIL TANKER: THE SECRETARY INFORMED DINITZ OF OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS BE HANDLED ROUTINELY.

7. LEBANON: AS DINITZ WAS LEAVING, AN URGENT PHONE CALL CAME FROM HIS EMBASSY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CALLED TO THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION DETAILED NEW INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF THREE AND POSSIBLE FOUR PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ARMY BATTALIONS FROM SYRIA INTO LEBANON. THE GOI DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT SYRIAN REGULAR TROOPS WOULD SOON FOLLOW, UNDER PALESTINIAN FLAGS, AS IN JORDAN IN 1970. THE SECRETARY PROMISED TO CHECK INTO THIS IMMEDIATELY AND TO MAKE A DEMARCHE TO SYRIA INFORMING THEM THAT WE HAD THIS INFORMATION. KISSINGER

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